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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (withdrawn)

Claim 6-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A nucleic acid consisting essentially of at least 12 contiguous nucleotides from SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 4, or the complementary sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 20 consisting essentially of which is 12 to about 75 contiguous nucleotides.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 21 20 consisting essentially of which is 12 to 14 nucleotides.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 21 20 consisting essentially of which is 14 to 18 nucleotides.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 21 20 consisting essentially of which is 18 to 20 nucleotides.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 21 20 consisting essentially of which is 20 to about 75 nucleotides.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 21 20 labeled with a radioactive, fluorescent, enzymatic, or chromogenic marker.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 21 20 wherein the nucleic acid is DNA.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 27 selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, and the complementary sequences of SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, and or SEQ ID NO: 11.

Claim 29 (previously added): The nucleic acid of claim 27 selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, and SEQ ID NO: 11.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A composition comprising the nucleic acid of claim 21 20 and a diluent or carrier.

Claims 31-33 (withdrawn)

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Claim 34 (new ): The nucleic acid of claim 20 wherein the nucleic acid is DNA, RNA, nucleic acid analogues, or any combination thereof.

Claim 35 (new): The nucleic acid of claim 20 wherein the nucleic acid is RNA.

Claim 36 (new): An oligonucleotide of at least 14 nucleotides in length capable of hybridizing to a nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO: 1 or the complement thereof, or SEQ ID NO: 4 or the complement thereof.

Claim 37 (new): The oligonucleotide of claim 36 which is DNA or RNA.

Claim 38 (new): The oligonucleotide of claim 36 which is DNA.

Claim 39 (new): The nucleic acid of claim 36 which an RNA.

Claim 41 (new): A composition comprising the nucleic acid of claim 36 and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.